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CONNECTOR ASSEMBLY FOR CONNECTING AN EARPIECE OF A HEARING AID TO A GLASSES TEMPLE

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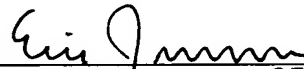
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